

Air Force Court-Martial Summaries

February 2018



This report lists convictions and acquittals for general and special courts-martial. The Air Force publishes these cases for deterrence purposes. Each military justice case must be resolved on its own facts. There are no expected or required dispositions, outcomes, or sentences in any military justice case, other than those resulting from the individual facts and merits of a case and the application of due process of law. Adjudged sentences reported here do not reflect any relief on the sentence that may have been granted during clemency or on appeal. When an Airman agrees to plead guilty to charges in return for some action by the convening authority, those pretrial agreements are noted and any impact on the adjudged sentence is included in the summary.

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General Court-Martial Convictions

1. At JB San Antonio-Lackland, TX, Airman Basic Cody A. Leakey was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of attempted indecent language with a child, attempted possession of child pornography and abusive sexual contact. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 50 months and total forfeiture of pay and allowances. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
2. At Minot AFB, ND, Airman Basic Hunter W. Hackworth was found guilty by officer members of larceny of property valued over \$500 and larceny of property valued under \$500. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 4 months and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
3. At Maxwell AFB, AL, Airman First Class Joshua A. Sloan was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of sexual abuse of a child. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 9 months and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 4 months.
4. At Hill AFB, UT, Captain Eric W. Mote was found guilty by officer members of conduct unbecoming an officer, disobeying a lawful command and disrespecting a superior officer. He was sentenced to a dismissal and a reprimand.
5. At Andersen AFB, Guam, Captain Ross A. Vanderhoof was found guilty by officer members of wrongful distribution of a controlled substance and conduct unbecoming an officer. He was sentenced to restriction for 60 days, forfeiture of \$2,500 pay per month for 1 year and a reprimand.
6. At Minot AFB, ND, Senior Airman Adriel R. Andino Diaz was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of indecent viewing, visual recording, or broadcasting the private area of another without consent and abusive sexual contact. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 42 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), total forfeiture of pay and allowances and a reprimand. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 24 months.
7. At F.E. Warren AFB, WY, Airman First Class Austin D. Wetuski was found guilty by officer and enlisted members of sexual assault. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 9 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1) and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
8. At Ellsworth AFB, SD, Senior Airman Dylan X. Giron was found guilty by officer and enlisted members of damaging property valued under \$500. He was sentenced to forfeit \$500 of pay for 1 month.
9. At Kadena AB, Japan, Senior Airman Emmett L. Miller, Jr. was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of possession of child pornography, attempted sexual abuse of a child and attempted sexual assault of a child. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 11 years, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), total forfeiture of pay and allowances and a

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reprimand. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 60 months.

General Court-Martial Acquittals

10. At JB San Antonio-Ft Sam Houston, TX, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of sexual assault.

11. At Dyess AFB, TX, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by a military judge sitting alone of sexual assault.

12. At Hill AFB, UT, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by a military judge sitting alone of distribution of child pornography and possession of child pornography.

Special Court-Martial Convictions

13. At Tyndall AFB, FL, Airman Basic Kaitlyn P. Ward was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of introduction of a controlled substance on a military installation and wrongful use of a controlled substance. She was sentenced to confinement for 6 months and forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for 6 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

14. At Tyndall AFB, FL, Airman Dominic S. Gallo was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance, wrongful distribution of a controlled substance and wrongful possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 2 months, hard labor without confinement for 30 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1) and forfeiture of \$800 pay per month for 2 months. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 30 days.

15. At McConnell AFB, KS, Airman Essense D. Fontanez was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance and wrongful possession of a controlled substance. She was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 1 month and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

16. At Edwards AFB, CA, Airman First Class Alton T. Fairley was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance and wrongful possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 3 months and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 50 days.

17. At JB Lewis-McChord, WA, Airman First Class Federico T. Lujan was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 35 days and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

18. At Andersen AFB, Guam, Airman First Class Jonathan C. Goergen was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct

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discharge, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1) and forfeiture of \$1,092 pay per month for 12 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

19. At Eglin AFB, FL, Airman First Class Keagen A. Ludowese was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 60 days, hard labor without confinement for 45 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1) and a reprimand. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 45 days.

20. At Ellsworth AFB, SD, Airman Michael R. Coppola was found guilty by officer members of wrongful distribution of a controlled substance and wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 3 months and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

21. At JB San Antonio-Lackland, TX, Airman First Class Paxton C. Reeves was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful possession of a controlled substance, wrongful distribution of a controlled substance, wrongful use of a controlled substance, willful dereliction of duty for underage drinking, and drunk and disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 100 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$600 pay per month for 3 months and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

22. At Ramstein AB, Germany, Senior Airman Alan B. Menacho was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 60 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for 4 months and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

23. At Holloman AFB, NM, Senior Airman Broc E. Wagner was found guilty by officer members of wrongful distribution of a controlled substance and wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 10 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1) and forfeiture of \$800 pay per month for 6 months.

24. At Dover AFB, DE, Senior Airman Logan F. Cleversy was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful appropriation of property valued over \$500 and wrongful appropriation of property valued under \$500. He was sentenced to confinement for 45 days, reduction to Airman (E-2) and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

25. At Moody AFB, GA, Senior Airman Shawn M. Kelleher was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of extortion and communicating a threat. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 30 days and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority will defer confinement for 35 days so that SrA Kelleher may complete a 28 day in-patient treatment program.

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26. At JB Andrews, MD, Senior Airman Stephen J. Rosenthal was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 90 days, restriction for 60 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$1,092 pay per month for 12 months and a reprimand.

27. At Buckley AFB, CO, Staff Sergeant Nelson F. Gordon was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of drunken driving. He was sentenced to confinement for 6 days, reduction to Airman First Class (E-3), to forfeit \$750 of pay, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

28. At JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ, Technical Sergeant Timothy D. Ragel was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of negligent dereliction of duty. He was sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 2 months, forfeiture of \$2,629 pay per month for 3 months and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

Special Court-Martial Acquittals

29. At Buckley AFB, CO, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance.

30. At Barksdale AFB, LA, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance.

31. At Hurlburt AFB, FL, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by a military judge sitting alone of attempted wrongful possession of a controlled substance.

32. At Schriever AFB, CO, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of perjury and disobeying a lawful command.